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Dear Sir:

Received your telegram today and am writing you immediately. I didnot answer your letter of March 14 because I was sure you would not be interested in my proposition. However since you sent the telegram I am sure you are entitled to a# answer. First I will not be able to come to your team untill the last week in May. Second I would want three hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$375;00) per month. As I told Mr Bolden, playing ball out East is more expensive to a ball player than in the West. Almost sure that you would not be interested in this proposition I thought it wasn't necessary to write you.

The trade that Mr Bolden is making with you to my way of thinking is <sup>in</sup> valid because I left his team in 1942 before the season ended because I wasn't doing so well and because I was dissatisfied with the team. I asked ~~for~~ my release because I knew I was going into the Army. Now since I have no contract with the club since this new Law prohibiting ballplayers from changing clubs with <sup>any</sup> being punished was made since I was a member of his club I don't think he has any claim to my service.

I have not decid~~d~~ to play with any ball club yet as I may go to school this year that is the reason I wanted play in Philadelphia so I could farther my education while playing ball. However after talking with several ball players Mr Bolden almost go me to sign with him for a song and dance.

Now I know better and will play with the team that will offer me the best proposition. Hoping this explains everything to you.

Yours in Sports

*Pat Patterson*  
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